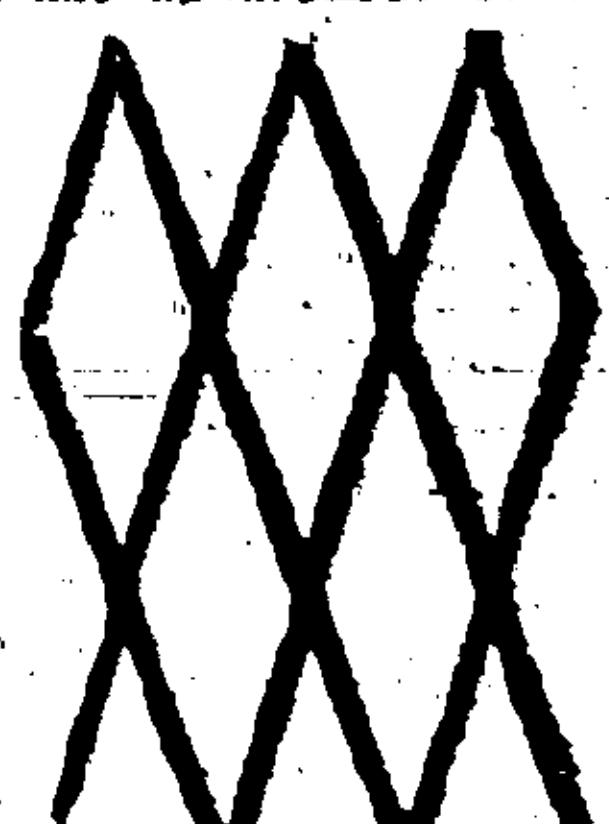


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Senlis, Tuesday, November 12.—General John J. Pershing, Commander of the American forces in France, to-day conferred upon Marshal Foch, the Commander-in-Chief of the Allied armies, the American Distinguished Service Medal. The presentation was made in the name of President Wilson at the villa where Marshal Foch has his headquarters and was an impressive ceremony.

A guard of honour was drawn up at headquarters and competitors blew a fanfare as Marshal Foch, with General Pershing on his right, took positions a few paces in front of the guard. General Pershing, addressing the Generalissimo, said:

"The Congress of United States has created this medal to be conferred upon those who have rendered distinguished service to our country. President Wilson has directed me to present to you the first of these medals, in the name of the United States Government and the American Army, as an expression of their admiration and their confidence. It is a token of the gratitude of the American people for your achievements and for the great services you have rendered to our Army. I am very happy to have been given the honour of presenting this medal to you."

General Pershing then pinned the medal on Marshal Foch's breast and the two stood with their hands clasped as the trumpet sounded once more.

In accepting the decoration, Marshal Foch said:

"I will wear this medal with pleasure and pride. In days of triumph, as well as in dark and critical hours, I will never forget the tragic day last March when General Pershing put at my disposal without restriction all the resources of the American Army. The success won in the hard fighting by the American Army is the consequence of the excellent conception, command and organisation of the American General Staff and the irreplaceable will to win of the American troops. The name 'Meuse' may be inscribed proudly upon the American flag. 'I want to say to you that I shall never forget that tragic day in March when, stirred by a generous impulse, you came and placed at my disposition the entire resources of your Army. To-day we have gained the greatest battle in history and served the most sacred cause—the liberty of the world.'"

As important part is due to the action undertaken and well carried through by the American Army upon the two banks of the Meuse. For the last two months the American Army has fought in a most difficult region a fierce and ceaseless battle. The complete success of this struggle is due to the fine qualities displayed by all."

"I do not forget the breadth and clearness of conception on the part of the generals, the method and ability on the part of the staffs, and the ceaseless energy and indomitable courage of the men, nor do I forget that at the moment when this vital battle was being fought by your principal forces, American divisions were reinforcing the armies of their Allies on other fighting fronts where their conduct evoked the ardent admiration of us all."

"General, I thank you with all my heart for the aid you have brought us. For all time the words 'la Meuse' may be borne with merited pride upon the standards of the American Army. I will keep in my heart the recollection of those great hours, often very difficult, but now crowned with glory, during which we fought together for liberty, justice, and civilisation."

Accompanying General Pershing to Marshal Foch's headquarters were Colonels Mott, Boyd, Poillon, Mathews, Quackmeyer, and White. Marshal Foch was attended by Generals Weygand and Desbrieres.

Following his own decoration, Marshal Foch presented the French War Cross to Miss Ducane, an English woman, for her heroic work in bomb hospitals near the front.

Paris, November 14.—Messages of congratulation and gratitude from President Wilson and the American people were presented to Marshal Foch, Marshal Joffre, and Gen. Pershing yesterday by Gen. Pershing, who also decorated the three French military leaders with the American Distinguished Service Medal.

Gen. Pershing to-day went to British Main Headquarters where he will present the Distinguished Service Medal to Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig.

PRESENTED TAX.

The decision of Ni Shih-chung to increase the tax on salt in Anhui and to levy other extra taxes for the maintenance of the militia is causing province-wide opposition. He is denounced by the gentry as one who has bought the provincial assembly by corrupting it at the elections. The Salt Inspectorate has sent a foreign Salt Inspector to the regions concerned to make investigations.

GENERAL NEWS

LUDENDORFF'S FATE.

It is one of the penalties of his magnitude that Ludendorff should disappear from the active scene without much prospect of finding a definite place in the history of generalship for at least a large number of years. Military critics have been busy trying to docket him more or less neatly, but all such attempts fail just because there are so many data unknown. We can get no such line of comparison as in Wellington's estimate of Napoleon at 50,000 men, because we know that Napoleon controlled absolutely the whole military resources of France, while we have never known at all certainly where Ludendorff stood in the German military machine. It has been the fashion in England to speak of him as though Hindenburg were a mere puppet worked by Ludendorff, but the fact remains that in Germany's direct military need it is Ludendorff who goes and Hindenburg who stays.

JEX-BLAKE MEMORIAL AT REBURY.

In Rugby School Chapel recently a portrait medallion, executed by Sir Thomas Brock, of the late Dr. Jex-Blake, a former headmaster of the school, was unveiled by Mr. Justice Sargent, a head of the school during Dr. Jex-Blake's headmastership. Mr. Justice Sargent remarked that Dr. Jex-Blake was one of a long line of headmasters who had placed Rugby in the very forefront of English public schools. By his judicious firmness and moderation he stilled all the waters of controversy, restored to the school its prestige, and set it on that high road of prosperity on which it had ever since continued. It was a fitting thing that that monument should be placed in that chapel where he preached for so many years, and so well. The service was conducted by Dr. A.A. David, headmaster of Rugby.

DEATH OF MR. BERNARD CAPE.

Mr. Bernard Capes, the novelist, died at Winchester recently of heart failure supervening on influenza. He had only been ill a few days. He leaves a widow and three children. Mr. Capes had been a busy writer for the last 10 years, and always a readable one. His "Lake of Wine" appeared in 1898, and since then hardly a year passed without at least one new book from his pen, and as he grew older his style mellowed, for gifted as he was he took some time to find himself, and being fond of experimenting and going to various authors for his inspiration there was a time when he could disappoint as well as satisfy.

THE STAGE DURING THE WAR.

The Lyceum Club (Dramatic Section) gave a dinner recently. Mrs. Herbert Cohen, who presided, urged that greater freedom should be allowed to dramatic writers who took their art seriously, and made it an instrument for education and encouragement of thought. She protested against the entertainments provided by theatre managers. Too long the public had submitted to revues and plays of a "fluffy" character. Sir E. Marshall-Hall, K.C., said that in these days, when men were home on leave from the front, something light was required, and not educational plays.

GOLD COINS IN ENGLAND.

Those people, says a Home paper, who are looking forward to the pleasure of clinking real golden sovereigns now the war is over, are doomed to disappointment. They will be required, in the national interests, to continue to think in "Bradburys" for some time longer. It is proposed that all the gold coins in the country shall be "scooped up," as it were, into the Bank of England, and a body of financial experts advised by the Government to approve on the after-war problem of money that all banks shall be required to hold a certain amount of gold in the Bank of England.

Manchester City Council recently approved a scheme for acquiring 100,000 square feet and 24,000 cubic feet of land for the purpose of constructing waterworks to supply the city with water.

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CHINA DRIFTING.

The disinterested foreign observer may be pardoned if he displays a little impatience regarding the situation in China at the moment. For many a weary month, the country has been distracted by a most inane civil war, upon which the whole organised force of the nation, such as it is, has been concentrated, while pressing issues of undoubted urgency have called in vain for attention. Many weeks ago the news was circulated that an "armistice" had been agreed upon, and a common resolve reached that the whole trouble should be settled at a Peace Conference. Ever since that time, there have been quibbling and hair-splitting, charges of insincerity by one side and counter-charges of a like character by the other. Delegates have been named, only to be objected to, and there has been a general air of obstinacy apparent which have so far made the convening of the conference impossible.

For the present state of deadlock which has been reached, it is possible that both sides are in part to blame, but we cannot escape the conviction that the Southerners have, all through the piece, adopted a decidedly high-handed and dictatorial attitude. They have objected to the personnel of the Conference, raised disputes as to the place of meeting and now, according to a telegram to hand yesterday, have intimated that unless their wishes are not met regarding the situation in Fokien and Shensi, they will refuse to send delegates at all. It is in regard to matters such as these—small, secondary points, after all—that the spirit of unreasonableness is so often displayed in Chinese political affairs. The party system, with all the narrowness and pettiness of outlook which it engenders, is nowhere more apparent than in China. It has been the curse of the nation. In point of fact, we have seen in China something even worse and more vitiating than the party system—politics reduced to the trickery and manoeuvring of dozens of cliques, each with its own axe to grind. All the way through it has been a struggle for position and for the spoils of office, with no thought for national interests whatever. There has been among the Chinese politicians an inbred incapacity, or disinclination, to co-operate, and this is without doubt the biggest factor which has operated against the progress of the country.

"Nero fiddles while Rome burns." No phrase could better describe the present situation in China. Unable to agree among themselves, the Chinese look to the European Peace Conference to straighten out some of her biggest problems, but they cannot even appear as a united body at the Conference table. The issue which magnitude beside them the petty little squabble in China is as nothing. Yet we find China in a state of semi-stupefaction, unable to patch up her own differences, and the authorities merely muddling along doing nothing either of value to their own or any other country. Financial troubles loom up to make the outlook blacker still, but still the country follows a policy of drifting helplessness. When will a strong man or a strong, progressive party arise, to take the ship's helm? No such man or party appears in sight, unhappily. But unless some new force arises to lead the nation into a better and brighter order in the near future, the result can only be of the utmost gravity to China and the Chinese. A large and broad-minded spirit must be manifested, old feuds must be forgotten, enemies of long standing must come together, the Coalition idea must be freely accepted. Unless these things be, there can be no hope for the Chinese. If there is a spark of patriotism in China to-day, let it be fanned into a great flame. That can only be done by united effort. To continue on present lines will only mean national bankruptcy and suicide to boot. The facts had better be faced before it is too late.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

AN UNPLEASANT INCIDENT.

It almost causes us to rub our eyes to make sure that we are not dreaming when we read of five or six lorries of British soldiers proceeding to the War Office and demanding to see a responsible official. But that is just what has happened, according to one of to-day's cables. The men were, quite rightly, promptly turned down by Major General Fielding, who told them that he absolutely declined to consider their demands, which they should make to their Commanding Officer. The incident reads something like a chapter from the happenings at Petrograd or Berlin, though we can well believe that, as Major General Fielding said, the trouble, whatever it is, has been fomented by a few agitators. When the men were told of the danger they were placing the country in by such methods, they at any rate had the good sense to disperse quietly. An incident like this is totally un-British and unnecessary too. What ever complaint our soldiers may have there are ample means, of a regular and constitutional order, by which they can get it considered. The authority of the Army must be upheld, especially at this juncture. We have no sympathy with those who want to throw over all discipline just because the actual fighting is over. That policy, carried further, can only result in trouble of the gravest character. We have won the war; let us be careful not to lose peace.

GERMAN AFTER-WAR TRADE.

Germany, it is believed, is preparing to rebuild her ruined shipping at all costs. She expects that her commercial tricks of imitation and intrigue and dumping will avail her in the trade contest after Peace is signed. She also assumes that her cheap goods will be the open sesame for barred doors where her name is detested. There is a determination to be independent of foreign carriers and to save money for the Fatherland by carrying Germany's imported raw material and exports in German bottoms. German papers admit that more than two-thirds of her tonnage prior to the war is lost to her and that the balance is largely in debt for maintenance in her own and neutral countries, the up-keep far exceeding any revenue, with but few exceptions. As far as is known, she has not been able to add to her mercantile tonnage since 1914. Obviously, therefore, her position as a great mercantile marine power after Peace and for many years after will not be "fine." She will experience great difficulty in getting any trade and will have to reckon with Britain, Japan, France, America and Italy. Besides this, the Allies are going to see at the Peace Congress that full reparation is made by Germany for merchant shipping losses on the basis of ton per ton of equivalent values. The Allies should not lose sight of the fact that the ruthless campaign waged by Germany against all shipping, whether belligerent or neutral, had two very distinct and different objects in view, one military and the other sordidly commercial. She wanted to destroy every vessel afloat so that, at the end of the war, she alone among the nations should possess a numerous mercantile marine with which she calmly proposed to secure a practical monopoly of the world's seaborne commerce. The decision to support her shipping is one that will involve great sacrifice to Germany at this time, and if the Allies permit her to resume her trade as of old it would mean a new lease of life to Germany's commerce.

OLD NEWSPAPER TRADE.

The trade in old newspapers is not negligible in Hongkong. In pre-war times old newspapers sold here were over-issues, not read papers picked up indiscriminately. It is believed that business in newspapers has been very much overdone and the market is still feeling the effects. Before the war Hongkong was the distributing market for China, but after was broke out owing to difficulties of direct freight to Singapore, India and Java all these markets being direct. Meanwhile Hongkong also continued to buy to supply these markets, the consequence, we are told, being heavy overstocking everywhere. In addition America sent large shipments to Shanghai and Manila—markets which were solely dependent on Hongkong for their old newspaper supplies.

DAY BY DAY.

CONFIDENCE WITH ONE'S SELF IS AS NECESSARY TO SUCCESS AS CONFIDENCE IN ONE'S SELF.

To-morrow is the anniversary of the introduction of the Penny Post (1840).

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was \$3.15-16.

The route to America via the Commercial Pacific Cable is interrupted.

There were no cases of communicable disease notified yesterday.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has kindly consented to distribute the prizes at Queen's College on Saturday, 25th inst., at 11 a.m.

The children's party given annually by the Officers of H.M. Naval Yard is being held this year in the R. N. Canteen Theatre on Saturday afternoon, 11th inst. The party will be followed by a dance in the evening at 8 p.m. to which all visitors to the D.B.C. dances are cordially invited.

There will be a general meeting of the City Hall Work Party in the City Hall on Saturday next, the 11th, at 10 a.m. Mrs. Stubb will be glad if all the workers, and those who are interested in the work, will be present. The work to be done during the next month or two will be discussed and light refreshments will be served.

The American Consul in Hongkong is again seeking information from Americans in this district or otherwise concerned as to details of any property, either person or real, owned by them and now situated in enemy countries. Detailed information along such lines should be given at the earliest date practicable.

We have received a complete list of winners of prizes at the recent Defence Corps Rifle Meeting. The prizes are to be presented by H. E. the Officer Administering the Government, at the smoking concert to be held in the Theatre on Friday next, 10th inst., at 9 p.m. and successful competitors are requested to attend to receive their prizes.

A draft for £279 16s 2d has been handed to the Naval Authorities by the Police Reserve Accountant for transmission to the mother of the late Sergeant Harry Linfield, Naval Yard Police. This amount represents the profits from the boxing organised by Staff Inspector Wildin on December 14th, and includes donations by Sir William Rees Davies, Mr. Justice Gompertz, Hon. Mr. Holyoak, Mr. N.J. Stubb and Mr. H. P. White.

At the January meeting of the Committee of the Queen Mary's Needlework Guild it was decided to continue war work and refugee work for France, Italy and Siberia till the end of April. A public meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 5th, at Government House, by kind permission of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, to which all women of the Colony are cordially invited. A report of the war work of the women of Hongkong will be read and proposals will be made for the establishment of a permanent branch of the Q.M.N.G. in Hongkong. All particulars will be given at the meeting.

A few members of the Hongkong Police Force gathered at the wharf yesterday to wish bon voyage to ten Chinese deportees who left for their homes. The deportees desired an entertainment as a send-off, but as the members of the "Vanity Fair" Company only arrived yesterday in Hongkong, the Government could not see their way to accede to the request of the deportees. Eight left for Swatow by the S.S. Haitan and the remaining two for Konmoon by the S.S. Jan Ming. There was not much waving of the kerchief. The Police will certainly miss them.

MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

[BY "ENHARMONIC"]

I am glad to hear that Mr. Denman Fuller is well on the way to recovery. He has had a very bad time, the doctor having diagnosed the illness as one of the worst carbuncle cases within his recollection. No doubt when the patient has fully regained his strength, he will resume his organ recitals, and a pianoforte recital occasionally would be greatly appreciated.

Two or three weeks ago, I referred to a humorous concert which took place in London, organised by Mr. Landon Ronald. Further details of the concert have now come to hand and are well worth repeating. A very amusing item was the playing by the Albert Hall Orchestra of Haydn's "Farewell" Symphony which was conducted by Sir Frederick Cowan in a darkened hall, with only candles in the orchestra which the players blew out as they stole silently away, one by one, till the conductor was left beating time to empty seats. Then an attendant drew his attention to the fact and he, too, blew out his light. The climax was a performance of Blagrove's Toy Symphony. Mr. Landon Ronald started conducting with a baton at least nine feet long. Sir Alexander Mackenzie hustled him from his place and was in turn evicted by Mr. Edward German. Finally, five conductors held the baton at once and the orchestra rose from its seats and danced a hornpipe. The receipts were given to Red Cross funds, and it was very good fooling for a very good cause.

It is with much regret I learn of the death of Dr. W. G. McNaught, was formerly editor of the Musical Times. Dr. McNaught who was well known in Musical Circles at home and was an enthusiastic supporter of the "Tonic Sol-fa" system.

"Performance by the Public Band will, weather permitting, be given to day, programme as follows." That is an announcement which appears nearly every day during the summer months, in the Shanghai papers. Readers will observe that it is a "public band," that is, a band maintained by public funds. When are we going to see like notices in our local papers? There is ample money to maintain a band of musicians and a performance every evening in Statue Square, or some such place, would help to drive away dull care for an hour or so. In the winter months dance music on week days, one or twice a week, and classical selections on Sunday afternoons could be given in the City Hall, and—[What? In Hongkong?—Ed. H.K.T.]

I note my confrere "Ajax" is also deploring the lack of musical enterprise in the Colony. "Can't local amateurs give us some tuneful musical comedies and operas?" he asks. Well, my dear "Ajax," give them time. The musical mills of Hongkong grind slowly, but peradventure they will eventually grind out the nucleus of a musical comedy or opera company. I think we have not yet quite recovered from the effects of the war and when things settle down to normal again no doubt the amateur musical enthusiasts will make their light to shine forth with exceeding brightness. Soon may it be!

The musical monotony, or rather the monotony of no music, in the Colony, was again relieved on Wednesday evening, by the concert given by Madame Zaleska and M. Kirillov, Professor Danenberg also assisting in a duet. Enough has been said as to the quantity of these musicians in the Colony and I do not propose to indulge in further official here, there, and everywhere, the pleasure of hearing such artists perform all too infrequently. I shall be surprised if Wednesday's performance does not galvanize some of our ideal amateurs into activity. I hope we shall be privileged to hear Madame Zaleska and included the duet.

THE S.P.C.A.

SYMPATHISERS WANTED.

SUGGESTED REVIVAL OF HONGKONG SOCIETY.

Those who have read our comments from time to time on the abominable practices which are all too common in Hongkong will be glad to know that steps are being taken with a view to the revival of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Last evening an informal meeting was held by a few interested enthusiasts, and the upshot is that a canvass is to be made for the procuring of names of likely members, who will be requested to meet later and decide on the rejuvenation of the Society which has for so long existed in name only. If that meeting decides to re-start the Society, officials will be appointed and consideration be given to means for preventing much of the cruelty to animals which is carried on in this Colony, and of the punishment of the offenders.

It does not need proving at this time of day that there is a tremendous amount of cruelty to dumb creatures in Hongkong; it can be encountered almost everywhere. Much of the cruelty, too, is of a most revolting character. In some cases it is deliberate; in others not intentional. But it persists none the less. In practically every civilised centre—no matter how small the town may be—there is a Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Here in Hongkong such an organisation exists on paper only. We do not suggest that residents of the Colony approve of the cruelty which is so common here; the general attitude is merely one of indifference. But in a matter of this kind even indifference is unpardonable. To permit, or tacitly acquiesce in, cruelty to dogs, cats, poultry and the like, when much of it could be stopped by co-operative effort, is sheer heartlessness.

Several years ago, an S.P.C.A. was formed in Hongkong, but after doing a deal of useful work circumstances arose which caused interest in its activities to flag. The Society has become moribund, and the only public evidence of its existence is to be found in the directories. We learn, however, that it still has some funds in hand, and doubtless if the Society were re-formed, these moneys would be available for the new body.

The Telegraph is anxious to do all in its power to assist in this most laudable work, and if sympathisers with the movement will send in their names to us, we will see that they are forwarded to the proper quarter and the senders kept posted on the progress of the scheme. We make a strong appeal to all humane residents to identify themselves with this movement.

There is a big work crying aloud for attention. But it will only be by concerted effort and public support that that work can be carried out. Once the Society is re-formed, ways and means of dealing with the evil can be discussed. The first need is to secure the co-operation of sympathisers. That is why we appeal for names of those who are willing to identify themselves with what is surely a most noble and praiseworthy idea—the care of dumb creatures and the saving of them from untold misery and cruelty.

M. Kirillov again before they leave the Colony. Another afternoon recital would be most welcome, particularly if it included a duet by Madame Zaleska and Professor Danenberg. One of Bach's works for two pianos would be a treat one hardly dares to hope for.

Music is said to have a very curious effect upon some people, but I have never heard of the hallucinations taking the shape of an imaginary hearing of five items, at a concert, which were not given. I notice that a local contemporary credits Madame Zaleska with playing "Legende (Chaconne)", "Waltz (1890)", "Koroly", "Patriotique", "Gigue", and "Dance of the Gnomes" (Greig). Wednesday's performance does not galvanize some of our ideal amateurs into activity. I hope we shall be privileged to hear Madame Zaleska and included the duet.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

Instances of the recovery of valuables from reoccupied villages in France, are not uncommon. A rather curious one has recently come within our knowledge. An officer was taking over billets in a village evacuated by the enemy about three weeks before, and used by our troops ever since. In one house he noticed some papers spread over a table. Casually glancing over them he found they were securities worth some hundreds of pounds, with dividends unpaid since 1914. They had probably been concealed in a mattress, or under floor-boards, and found by our men, who had used them as a tablecloth, in ignorance of their true value. They were, of course, handed over to the French authorities for restitution to their rightful owners.

It is to be hoped that nothing more will be heard of the suggestion that a faculty be granted for the examination of St. Margaret's, Westminster, in order to make sure whether Sir Walter Raleigh was buried there. Why a tercentenary should be considered an appropriate time for the letting loose of ghouls among the tombs one cannot quite see. If Raleigh sleeps there, let him sleep in peace. We have had enough in the past of privileged people rioting through tombs and selecting relics of their adventure. Raleigh's fame is not concerned with his burial place.

To do General Bernhardt justice, he did not overlook the possibility of "downfall" as an alternative to "world power" in his forecast of "Germany and the Next War." The book, it must be noted, was in 1911, and Bernhardt's passing contemplation of disaster was perhaps intended rather to strengthen the national purpose than to present it as anything likely to happen. For in another passage he writes: "In this war we must conquer, or, at any rate, not allow ourselves to be defeated." Probably the worst that the clique of which he was the spokesman counted upon was an inconclusive result, which would allow them to try again.

The MS. magazine of the Registry Branch of the G.P.O. which is sent abroad to keep its members who are fighting in touch with local news and gossip is not the only one of its kind, it appears. For nearly 20 years "Weekly Letter" has been issued from Bugbrooke Schools, Northamptonshire. Many old scholars migrated from the village to the Colonies, and during all these years they have been kept in touch with home and relations by this means. The originator of the idea was Mr. F. H. Wright, the master, who is still in charge of the school, and scores of these letters are sent to Bugbrooke boys at the front every week.

The nation owes a debt of gratitude to the consular servants who remained in Russia after the members of the British Embassy had retired to a safe distance from the Bolsheviks' sphere of influence. Mr. Woodhouse at Petrograd and Mr. Wardrop at Moscow, together with their staffs, stuck to their posts until they were removed by Red Guards and put into loathsome prisons. The result of their devotion to duty is that hundreds of British subjects were enabled to leave Russia, and one hears nothing but praise of their admirable work from those who profited by it. In instant Baku the British Consul, a man who has been in the service for forty-five years, stayed on until the Turks arrived in the town. It is to be hoped that some adequate recognition of such faithful service to the nation will be found.

Apologies of the presence of women in the House of Commons, it is a fact that one woman Press correspondent has had, technically, for some time a right to a place, not in the Press Gallery but in the Members' Gallery. No room being available in the Press Gallery, certain seats limited in number have been allocated to Overseas Press correspondents, and the lady in question occupies of her position as London correspondent of an Overseas Press agency should have before now taken her place there, but did not for various reasons press her claim in the midst of war and war conditions.

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Local musical enthusiasts turned up in force at the Theatre Royal, last evening, on the occasion of the concert given by Madame Zaleska and M. Kirillov. His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, and party, occupying seats in the Dress Circle.

The programme was opened by Madame Zaleska playing Chopin's well known "Resurrection" Polonaise, which, as stated on the programme, is supposed to depict the resurrection of Poland. It is one of Chopin's most difficult compositions and is a favourite "show" piece with all the leading professionals. The composition consists of two movements, the first an inspiring melody which must have been written in a spirit of great exultation. The chief difficulty in this part of the composition is the "altered" chords and the movement in irreproachable style. In the second movement, the accompaniment to the theme consists of an incessant repetition of four octaved notes and is one of the most daring settings that could possibly be imagined and most exacting in the way of technique. Here again the pianist acquitted herself in perfect style. The composition ends with a return to the original movement, written, if possible, in even more exultant mood. At the conclusion Madame Zaleska was greeted with a storm of applause and the item was undoubtedly the best of the evening. Next followed a Nocturne (Fis moll) in which the player again displayed her wonderful powers of interpreting Chopin's works. She rendered the delicate chromatic "grace passages" in a manner such as they are intended to be worked into the phrasing. A great deal of fault with many players is that they render these passages as a kind of interlude, so to speak, and not as part and parcel of the theme, as they are intended to be. Madame Zaleska showed that she understands what was in Chopin's mind and has a true understanding of the moods of the great composer. In the Preludes, the pianist displayed the result of much hard work with the left hand. The exacting

accompaniment to the inspiring melody being played with a crispness and clearness only displayed by front rank artists.

In the Sonata (B. moll) Madame Zaleska emphasised her ability when dealing with Chopin's descriptive works. The composition is supposed to represent the various phases of a man's life, and is said by some to be a true interpretation of the composer's own experiences. It was played by Madame Zaleska with great feeling and she is to be congratulated upon her boldness in placing her own construction upon the work, but by which the composition lost none of its beauty and meaning. In the Marche Funebre, particularly the player exhibited an individual reading, the phrasing being somewhat a departure from the usual method of dealing with the work. None the less, the performance was faultless.

The first portion of the programme was concluded by a fine rendering of the "Victory" Polonaise and the player was greeted with a tremendous round of applause.

In the second part of the pianoforte items, Madame Zaleska and Professor Danenberg opened with Variations on a Theme by Beethoven arranged for two pianos by Saint Saens. The composition opens with the theme being given out by alternating chords on both instruments and from there the theme is worked upon at times almost approaching the character of a Bach fugue, although the hand of the Bonn genius is apparent throughout. The players rendered this composition in true artistic style, keeping perfect time and rounding off the cadenzas with neat accuracy. Mr. Danenberg's playing appeared to be admirably adapted to that of Madame Zaleska, although perhaps, in some passages, he was a trifle too robust. But considering the short time the players have had to work together the performance must be written into the annals of triumph. That the audience were enchanted was demonstrated by the fact that the players had to provide an encore which was given in the shape of an Arensky waltz, beautifully executed. Madame Zaleska concluded by playing Paderewski's well known "Minuet" and the equally popular "Capriccio" of Franz Liszt. The pianist's wonderful technique was again exemplified in this last item. The composition is a most exacting one but

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it was faultlessly played. Like the Second Hungarian Rhapsody, the work almost amounts, in parts, to a display of finger gymnastics and a pianist who is able to render this work in faultless style, as did Madame Zaleska, is a player of front rank attainments.

M. Kirillov, in his vocal items, was heard to greater advantage than on the occasion of his appearance at Kingsclere, the Theatre being more adapted to his powerful ballad voice. He is a singer of distinctly operatic style and his rendering of the Prologue from Leoncavallo's "Pagliacci" was all that could be desired. He also approached the difficult "Cavatina Figaro from Rossini's "Barber of Seville" with confidence, and the excerpt enabled the vocalist to demonstrate his absolute control of his voice. His other four items were beautifully sung and an encore was provided in the shape of a vocal duet with Madame Zaleska, for which they chose the "Benedictus" from Offenbach's "Tales of Hoffman" which was sung with great feeling. At the conclusion of the concert the artists were greeted with an ovation such as should be sufficient inducement to them to organise another concert before they leave the Colony.

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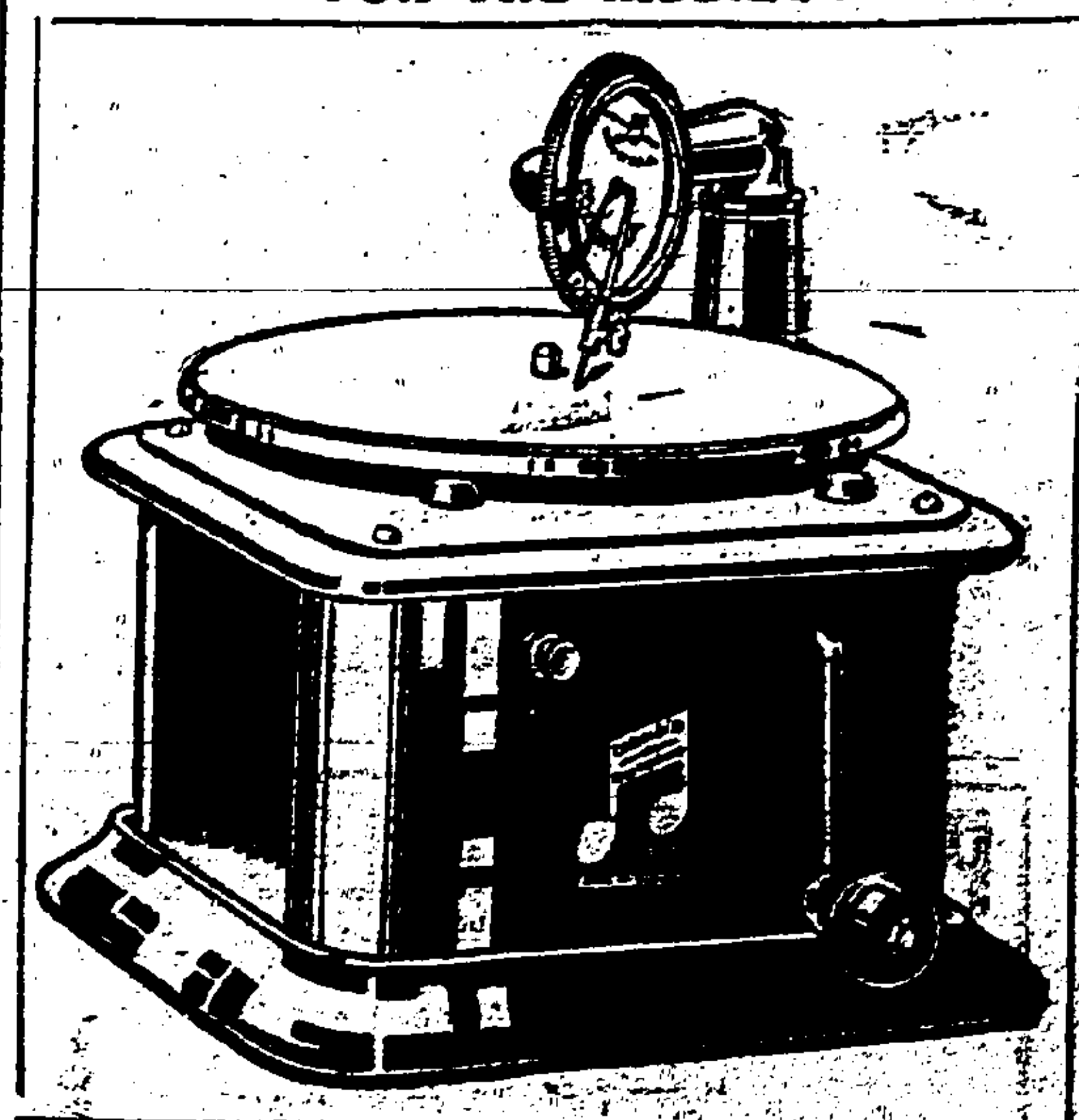
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SHIPPING.

SHIPOWNER'S NOVEL SCHEME.

Mr. J. C. Gould, the head of one of the largest shipowning firms in the Bristol Channel, recognising the necessity of reorganising the commercial and managing staff of a shipping office, has instituted a scheme which will prove of exceptional interest to the shipping trade. Realising the inadequate appreciation of navigation and shipping conditions which is held by the general run of clerks engaged in the office of steamship companies, and that the future of the shipping trade will call for carefully trained personnel, he has devised a system of apprenticeship with the object of young clerks acquiring first-hand knowledge of the running of modern steamships. The scheme is to take the best of the young clerks who are in the employment of the company and apprentice them for the term of two years on the company's steamers. During the period of his two years' apprenticeship the clerk will be trained both with respect to deck and engine departments. In addition to his knowledge of office routine of ship management he will acquire whilst in the employment of the company a practical working knowledge of the actual sea-going conditions which obtain in both deck and engine-room departments, such knowledge which will undoubtedly prove of great mutual advantage. Upon the expiration of the two years of apprenticeship the clerk re-enters the employment of the company as their clerk, and is bound to serve the company for the term of three years. The company on the expiration of the term of apprenticeship pays to the clerk the difference between the sum payable to him by the steamship company as an apprentice and the rate of wages which the company would have paid the clerk had he continued his employment as clerk with the company during the term of his apprenticeship. The firm binds themselves to pay during the further period of three years a salary which is computed having regard to the age and experience of the clerk. In the event of any question arising as to the amount justly payable by the firm, the same would be referred to the chairman for the time being of the Cardiff and Bristol Channel Shipowners' Association, whose decision will be final and binding of the clerk and on the company. There is no doubt but what the future of the British shipping trade will demand the best trained brains and the highest pitch of management organisation. Mr. J. C. Gould has endeavoured to create a staff who has practical knowledge not only of management, but of the particular branches of shipowning. The conditions which obtain with respect to employment in the Cardiff and London offices of Messrs. J. C. Gould and Co. are such that the company are enabled to secure a choice in the matter of clerical and other labourers.

LARGEST DOCK IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

The largest dock in the Mediterranean is to be constructed near Naples. A decree has been signed conceding to that city the right of carrying on the necessary constructional works in the harbour of Baia. Among the minor undertakings will be the transformation of Lake Averno into a marine basin, with a large industrial zone adjoining the construction of an outer harbour in the gulf of Baia, and of a communication canal between this harbour and the lake, with a quay provided with all the latest appliances. The total cost is not to exceed 50,000,000 lire, to which the State will contribute 22,000,000 lire, in fifty annual instalments. All the works are to be commenced at latest within six months after the declaration of peace and to be finished within six years. After sixty years all the works are to become the property of the State without further payment.

ITALIAN-SWISS SHIPPING ARTERY.

The Italian Chamber of Commerce in Switzerland has adopted a resolution to support a project which aims at connecting Lake Major with Venice. Navigable connections will be made to the city of Domodossola to Lake Lugano. The

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THE FRENCH MISSION.

NEW HEADQUARTERS.

The new building situated at the top of Battery Path, which is to be the headquarters of the Procureur Generale of the Missions Etrangères, more commonly known as the French Mission, is now practically completed and from the description given below it will be observed that a hostel in keeping with the growth of the Mission will shortly be at the disposal of the French Fathers. It may not be generally known that the present headquarters, situated on Caine Road, are not the centre of the activities of the Mission in the Colony, and likewise, the new building is to be practically the clearing house for the various branches of the Mission in the interior and the intermediary whereby the affairs of the interior branches are dealt with before finally being handed on to the main Headquarters in Paris. The Procureur Generale des Missions Etrangères, for the Missions in the Far East was created in 1672 and successively located at Juthia (Siam), Bantam (Java), Surate (India), Pondicherry, Canton, Macao and finally at Hongkong since 1847. The activities of the Mission have grown to such an extent that in late years, the premises in Caine Road have been found to be inadequate in accommodation of every kind and it was with the object of meeting this difficulty that the present new building was decided upon. The work was commenced 26 months ago and by the end of this month the Caine Road premises will be abandoned and the Battery Path quarters occupied.

The new building, which covers a superficial area of about 12,000 square feet, consists of ground floor and three storeys. The ground floor is devoted to a large refectory for the use of servants, a spacious kitchen, and also four sleeping rooms for the servants with bathroom and cook house which are detached from the main building. There are also large rooms for stores and godowns and also a work room and a small room adaptable to photography and such like. Another small room is set apart for storing papers, archives etc. A separate staircase of solid concrete, and thus fireproof, is provided for servants, by means of which it is possible to proceed to any of the floors above without passing through the other parts of the building. On the first floor are four spacious rooms which will be used for offices and so forth and also two large rooms which will be used for private purposes. Both of these rooms have bath rooms attached. Here also is situated a large refectory which will accommodate about 60 people and adjoining is a spacious pantry with a lift from the kitchen below. Leading off a large hall are a library and drawing room and also the main staircase, which is solidly built and although not elaborate, has a very pleasing appearance. The main entrance leads to a small hall which opens on to the larger hall. On this floor is an oblong courtyard which extends the whole height of the building, in the centre, and is open to the sky, thereby providing an excellent inlet for fresh air and cool breeze in the hot weather. On the second floor is a private chapel of Byzantine architectural style with a splendid gallery at one end for the use of ladies, who for various reasons, such as illness, are unable to proceed to the body of the chapel. A vestry is also provided on this floor, the remainder of which, together with the top floor, is

CHEER FOR CHAIR AND RICKSHA COOLIES.

THE "TELEGRAPH" FUND.

As we stated yesterday, we have, in response to a request, opened a fund to provide Chinese New Year cheer to chair and ricksha coolies, and shall be happy to receive subscriptions thereto. As will be seen below, there has already been some response.—
Already acknowledged \$ 20
Ip Pun 25

Total \$ 45.

devoted to bedrooms, there being 21 in all. Bathrooms with showers and flush closets are provided and the bedrooms, although not large, being about 14 x 14 feet, are comfortably fitted up with tiled fireplaces, polished floors and electric light. There is also a spacious recreation room on the top floor. The corridors are tiled throughout. Each floor has a wide verandah facing Murray Parade ground, and from the second and third floors a splendid view of the Harbour is obtained. The roof is flat and can be made use of as a roof garden. It is so arranged that rain will be drained off and also provides a fine view of the harbour and the lower levels of the Colony. There are also small balconies in front of the windows of each of the bedrooms. The two main features of the building are its solidity and its ventilation scheme. Solid concrete has been used throughout, there being no mixture of red earth in the cement and it is a building which will stand, without necessity of repair, for many years. The ventilation of the building has been most carefully thought out and in the summer months the building should be one of the coolest places in the Colony. The roof, which is also of solid concrete, was completed in 24 hours, which must constitute a record for the Colony. The reason for this haste was to suppress any chance of leaking. The whole building has been carefully designed so as to get as much as possible out of the space available and the outside gives very little indication of the splendid accommodation within. Special care has been taken to have the building designed in such a way as to be in conformity with the surrounding architecture for which purpose two cupolas have been specially added to the roof. At the same time ostentatious display has been carefully avoided.

Another feature of the premises is that it has the advantage of being central and at the same time more or less secluded and away from the noise of traffic. The cost of the building will be about \$130,000 and it is expected to be ready for habitation by the end of the current month. The plans were prepared by Mr. C. Little, and after they had been approved of by the main Headquarters of the Society of the Missions Etrangères in Paris, the execution was supervised by Revd. Father L. Robert, Mr. J. H. Chanatong has been the director of the work. The construction, when finished, will not be a discredit to the Colony and, if it is not a stylish monument, it is a well conceived and well executed building. Naturally, there are one or two minor instances where improvement could have been made. For instance, the refectory could have been a little smaller which would then have given more room for the refectory. Also, on the floor above, more room might have been allowed for the chapel. In addition, the main entrance might have been a little more imposing, but these are, as stated, minor faults and are practically obscured by the many advantages.

TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

("Chinese Mail" Service).

Peking, January 8.
A Mandate has been issued ordering the Customs and Provincial Authorities to strictly prohibit opium smuggling. A telegram from Shanghai states that Chu Kai-kim, chief delegate, had a most favourable conversation with Tong Shiu-ye in regard to peace negotiations. The foreign bankers, meeting yesterday and are planning loans to China.

Shanghai, January 8.
The Central Government will issue a Mandate to cancel the former order to arrest political offenders so as to hasten the peace negotiations. The Government has decided to make Luk Ching-cheong chief delegate, Woo Wai-tack and Shi Shui-kee deputy delegates for the European Peace Conference. The Foreign Auditing Department opposes any increase in salt prices in Anhui Province, and the Tsuchun there has been ordered to postpone the matter. According to information from the Diplomatic Corps, the South's attempt to include Fukien and Shensi into its sphere and the North's silence as to how to settle the question of the Parliament are both unreasonable. While the Powers will not tender another formal note, they will take steps to offer friendly advice. Shun Chun-Hsin has wired to the President requesting that the militarists be stopped from interfering with the peace negotiations.

SCHOOL FOOTBALL.

A SHIELD MATCH.

In the second round of the Hongkong Schools Shield Competition yesterday, Queen's College and St. Joseph's College met on the small venue adjoining the Polo Ground at Causeway Bay. Much interest was manifested in the game, but it soon became apparent that the ground was far too limited in size for the robust football of which both teams are capable. Play was cramped from start to finish, and the match fizzled out to a pointless draw. To make matters worse, the enclosure was not roped in and encroachments continually interfered with the game, despite the efforts of those in charge of the arrangements to keep the touch-line clear. It would be advisable if in future the Senior Shield ties were played on some of the larger grounds at Happy Valley, as was sometimes done in former years. Football has decidedly developed among Hongkong schoolboys of late years, and it would be well to give them every opportunity of displaying their full powers.

BAZAAR AT MACAO. FOR PORTUGUESE RED CROSS.

There is going to be no Battle of Flowers this year at Macao, but instead a Bazaar has been organised by the Naval and Military officers under the presidency of the Governor of Macao (Senhor Arthur Tamagnini Barbosa), and will take place on Saturday the 18th inst. and continuing until Monday 20th inst. It will be for the benefit of the Portuguese Red Cross and of the poor of Macao.

As it is for such charitable and humanitarian objects, it is expected that the Portuguese of Hongkong will give their support to the Bazaar and go in large numbers to Macao. This Bazaar should have taken place during the New Year holidays, as was arranged, but on account of the assassination of Dr. Sidonio Paes, the late President of the Portuguese Republic, it was postponed till the date named.

The steamship companies are reducing the fares for the occasion to \$3 first class, and \$2 second class. There will be the usual side-shows.

HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

SMOKING CONCERT PROGRAMME.

The programme at the distribution of the Corps Rifle Meeting prizes by H.E. The Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G.) and smoking concert to be held at the Theatre Royal, Hongkong, to-morrow at 9 p.m. is as follows:—

PART I.

1. March, "Pro Patria," Clark.
2. Trio, "Nice Soft Job," Miss Eileen Boyd, Miss Shirley Cooke & Miss Madge Griffith.
3. Mr. George Graystone will sing from the depths.
4. Entr'act, "The Last Rose," E. Vassallo.
5. Miss Shirley Cooke with the aid of the Piano.
6. Humorous Song, "More in Sorrow than in Anger," Sergt. Canavan.
7. Sextette, "Bells of St. Mary's," Miss Eileen Boyd, Mr. George Graystone, Miss Dorothy May, Mr. Sydney Manning, Miss Madge Griffith, Mr. George Titchener.
8. Selection, "Yes, Uncle," Band of the 18th Infantry.

PART 2.

9. Exhibition of Lasso Throwing by Capt. George Ash.
10. Miss Eileen Boyd will sing "Fairy Moon." The vocal harmonies off stage are by other Members of Vanity Fair Company.
11. Dances of Humour dispensed by Mr. Leslie Holmes.
12. Two Dances by Miss Vera Pain and Mr. George Titchener: (a) Hesitation Waltz, (b) Fox Trot.
13. March, "The Gladiator," Sousa.
14. Band of 18th Infantry.
15. Humorous Song, "On the Staff," Sergt. Canavan.
16. Some of the Members of the Vanity Fair Company will give a complicated arrangement of a "Simple Melody."

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued by Mr. F. G. Jenkin, C.B.E., state:—

Will be drawn from the Armory by members of Nos. 1 and 2 Platoons prior to the parades of these units as detailed below and between 5.0 and 5.35 p.m.

PARADES, CENTRAL 5.30 p.m.
Monday, January 13th.—No. 2 Platoon.
Tuesday, January 14th.—No. 3 Company.
Wednesday, January 15th.—No. 1 Platoon.
Thursday, January 16th.—Ambulance Platoon.
Friday, January 17th.—No. 2 Company.
Uniform, caps and covers, Rifles.

STRENGTH.

P. C. 656 Cousland, Water Police, is permitted to resign on leaving the Colony.

FAR EASTERN OLYMPIC.
Representatives of the Canton city schools yesterday decided to have a track and field meet before the next Far Eastern Olympic Games. They arrived at this decision yesterday when they met at the Kwangtung Educational Association. The Olympic Games will be held at Manila next May, and Canton will send a delegation. To select a team to go it is believed they first have a meet to try out the candidates. More definite arrangements will be made regarding the meet.

FOOTBALL.

PROGRAMME FOR SATURDAY NEXT.

The matches on Saturday next at the Happy Valley are in connection with the Hongkong League, and the Senior matches down for decision are of a very interesting nature. The Club have South China as opponents, and the game the Chinese team gave the Club last week shows that the local team is improving. Another keen game should result on Saturday next. The Navy re-appear against the R.A. and with both clubs at full strength a good match will be assured. The Club and Navy lead the Hongkong League, the Navy having the superior goal average so that on Saturday each side will be eager to win. The interest in football this year is very great, as is evidenced by the huge crowds which gather at the Valley on Saturdays, and the inclusion of the local South China team has been a success. The latter team, it is understood, has been selected to represent China en bloc in the series of Sporting International athletic events and games to be held at Manila in the near future and the hard games they are having with the 1st Division Clubs should be very useful to them. The matches and officials are as follow:—H.K. League, Navy v. R.G.A. Kick-off 4 p.m., Navy ground, referee Mr. Wells; Club v. Sth. China, kick-off 4 p.m., Club ground, referee Mr. Tucher. 2nd Division H. K. L. University v. South China (Res.) kick-off 2.30 p.m., Navy ground, referee Mr. Pragnall; 83rd Coy. R. A. v. St. Joseph's, Club ground, kick-off 2.30 p.m., referee Mr. Emery; Navy Reserves v. 88th Coy. R.A. kick-off 3.30 p.m., Military ground, referee Mr. Dewhurst.

The following players have been chosen to represent the Hongkong Football Club in their game with South China Athletic on Saturday, the 11th instant, at 4 p.m. on the Club ground:—W. Hamilton; F. W. Black and J. McCubbin; T. R. Chasels, J. Stewart and J. D. Carriere; W. Taylor, A. H. Clark, D. Riechmann, L. Riis and G. Jennings.

DEMOBILISATION. IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Military Authorities in Hongkong have received the following telegram from the Secretary, War Office:—
"The Secretary, War Office, makes the following announcement:—With reference to the retention of men of the Administrative Services of the Army, it is now, and has always been necessary to retain a number of men in proportion to the strength of the Army, in order to carry out the vital Administrative work of feeding, clothing, housing and moving the troops and it must be realised that the more rapidly demobilisation proceeds the greater is the strain thrown upon the Administrative Services. The demobilisation of the Army involves the continuous employment of men engaged in transportation and it is on this account that it is impracticable to demobilise the Administrative Services as rapidly as the combatant branches. By transportation must be understood not merely the Railway Men, Inland Water Transport Men, Dock Employees and Mechanical Transport Drivers, but the men engaged in the repair and other shops connected with these Services. Every endeavour is being made in order to keep down the number of the Administrative Services to the minimum compatible with a speedy demobilisation and a beginning has already been made with the discharge of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, Royal Army Service Corps, Army Pay Corps, Remounts, Transportation, Royal Engineers, and Royal Veterinary Corps who have received a percentage of allotments which is as high as it is possible to be at present and which will automatically increase as demobilisation proceeds."

YACHTING.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

The fourth of the series of Club Championship Events of the Season was sailed off on Saturday last and resulted as follows:—

HANDICAP CLASS.

Course:—Lyemun Beacon (P), Mark Boat on Starting Line (P), Lyemun Beacon (P), Distance 9 Miles.

Yacht.	It'cap on Course.	Finishing Time.	Corrected Time.
M.S. H.M.S. H.M.S.			
Dione	1.30	5.30.33	5.32.03
Rolla	Scratch	5.24.50	5.24.50
Jessica	1.30	D.N.S.	
Diana	6.45	5.57.28	5.50.13
Colleen	6.45	D.N.S.	
Dorothea	6.00	D.N.F.	

Position for Race to Date.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Rolla	Dione	Diana	Jessica
5	19	24	17
1	5	4	1
1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1

The Course for the one Design, Hayward Hays and Gael Classes was:—Mark Boat Quarry Bay (P), Cust Rock Buoy (S), Channel League (S), Distance 7 Miles.

ONE-DESIGN CLASS.

Yacht.	It'cap on Course.	Finishing Time.	Corrected Time.
M. S. H.M.S. H.M.S.			
Scr.	5.14.11	5.14.11	
Ailsa	Scr.	5.14.11	5.14.11
Bonita	5.47.53	5.47.53	
Daphne	5.11.39	5.11.39	
Halcyon	5.33.49	5.33.49	

Position for Race to Date.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Daphne	Ailsa	Halcyon	Bonita
5	3	4	1
1	3	4	1
1	3	4	1
1	3	4	1
1	3	4	1
1	3	4	1
1	3	4	1
1	3	4	1
1	3	4	1

HAYWARD HAYS CLASS.

Yacht.	It'cap on Course.	Finishing Time.	Corrected Time.
M. S. H.M.S. H.M.S.			
Scr.	5.58.06	5.58.06	
Dawn	5.50.10	5.50.10	
Lysbeth	5.50.29	5.50.29	
Liza	5.48.23	5.48.23	
Owl	D.N.S.		

Position for Race to Date.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Liz	Dawn	Lysbeth	Ursula
6	4	17	18
1	4	10	1
1	4	10	1
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Gael CLASS.

Yacht.	It'cap on Course.	Finishing Time.	Corrected Time.
M. S. H.M.S. H.M.S.			
Scr.	5.58.47	5.58.47	
Thistle	D.N.S.		
Joan	5.53.52	5.53.52	
Thecla	D.N.S.		
Dorothy	1.10	D.N.S.	
Asthore	1.10	D.N.S.	

Position for Race to Date.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Joan	Gael	Thistle	Toinette
7	5	24	1
1	5	24	1
1	5	24	1
1	5	24	1
1	5	24	1
1	5	24	1
1	5	24	1
1	5	24	1
1	5	24	1

The Second of the series of Cruiser Championship Events, which was sailed round Lamma Island (S), Distance 21 Miles, resulted as follows:—

CRUISER CLASS.

Yacht.	It'cap on Course.	Finishing Time.	Corrected Time.
M. S. H.M.S. H.M.S.			
Scr.	7.00	3.40.50	3.33.57
Niobe	7.00	3.40.50	3.33.57
Dorothy	10.30	3.35.54	3.24.54
Helen	10.30	D.N.S.	

TO-DAY'S SHARE QUOTATIONS.

S—SELLERS; BA—BANKS;
B—BUYERS; W—WOMINAL.

OFFICIAL PRICES.

BANKS.

H. K. & S. Banks	b.	\$775
Marine Insurance		
Canton	n.	\$405
North China	n.	\$117
Union	n.	\$745
Yongluz	n.	\$305
Far Eastern	n.	\$136

FIRE INSURANCES.

SHIPPING.		
Douglases	b.	\$87
Steamboats	s.	\$82
Indos (Pref.)	b.	\$30
Indos (Def.)	b.	\$185
Shells	n.	\$37
Ferries	n.	\$35

REFINERIES.

MINING		
Malabon	b.	\$37/-
Kaituma	b.	\$7/-
Lingkat	b.	\$1/-
Rubis	n.	\$2/-
Tronoh	n.	\$40/-
Ural	n.	\$3/-

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, &C.

Kowloon Docks	n.	\$ 157
Shui Docks	n.	t. 135
Engineering	b.	\$24½

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.

naturals	n.	\$ 108
K. Hotels	n.	\$ 90
and Invest.	b.	\$ 101
Hiphey's Est.	sa.	\$ 7.60
K'loon Lands	b.	\$ 38
East Points	n.	\$ 73

COTTON MILLS.

Kung Mows	sa.	\$ 120
entals	n.	\$ 97 1/2
al Cottons	b.	\$ 100
ingizepon	b.	\$ 8.40
MISCELLANEOUS.		
een Islands	sa.	\$ 20

INDUSTRIAL GROUPS.

Dairy Farms	b. & d. sq.	\$ 28
H. K. Electric	n.	\$ 64
Macao Electric	b.	\$ 35
Ropes	b.	\$ 35
Frames, Low Level	sa.	\$ 7.90
Frames, Peak, old	b.	\$ 7
Frames, Peak, new	b. cts.	\$ 70
Landreys	b.	\$ 4
Steel Foundries	n.	\$ 13
O. Waterboats	b.	\$ 12
Watsons	n.	\$ 6.85
Wm. Powells	b.	\$ 4
Wiseman's	b.	\$ 20

Hongkong, January 9, 1919.

Position for Race to Date.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Dorothy	Niobe	Oanone	Lady Jean
8	4	9	1
1	4	9	1
1	4	9	1
1	4	9	1
1	4	9	1
1	4	9	1
1	4	9	1
1	4	9	1
1	4	9	1

Position for Race to Date.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Joan	Gael	Thistle	Toinette
7	5	24	1
1	5	24	1
1	5	24	1
1	5	24	1
1	5	24	1

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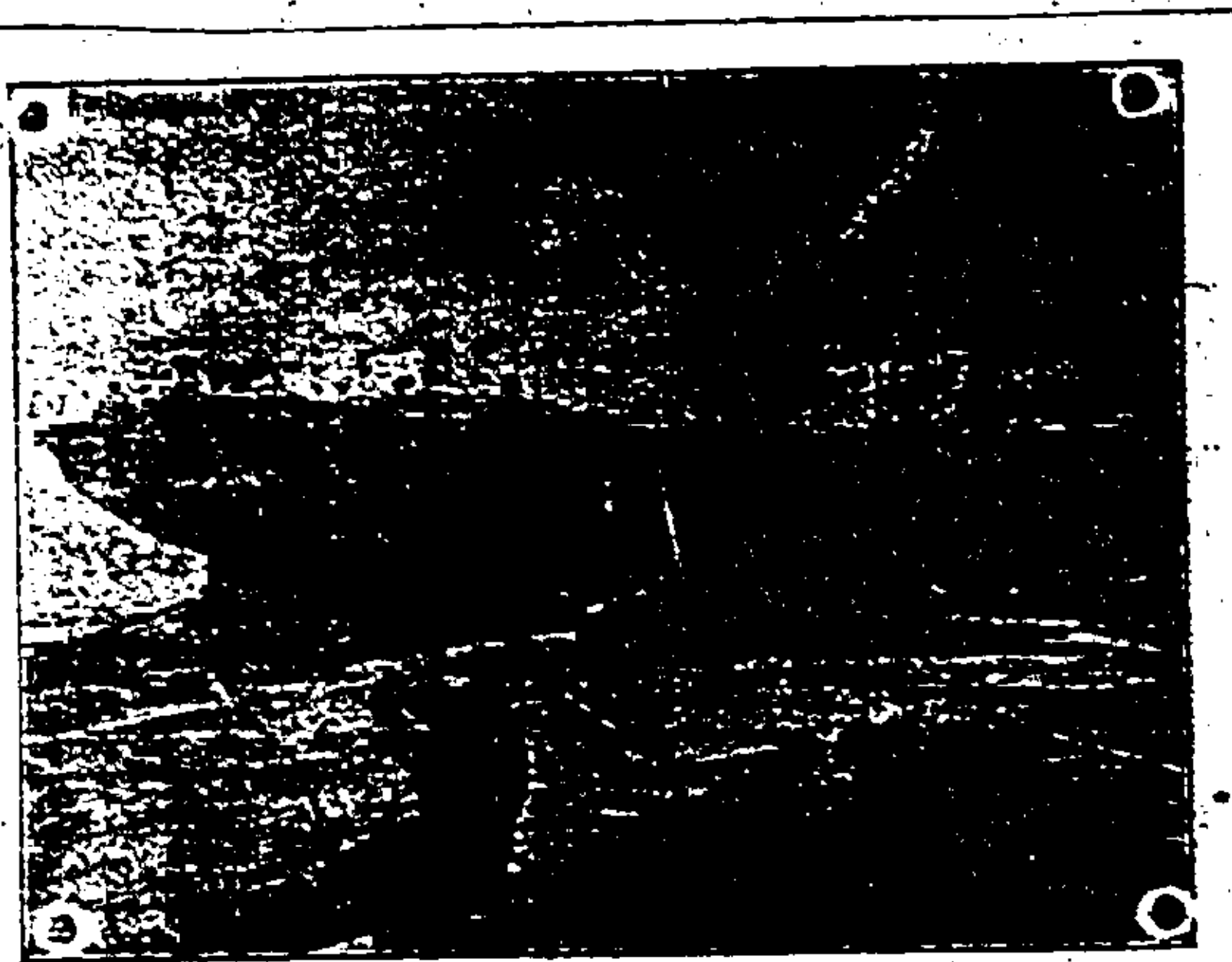
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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

AUSTRALIAN WOOL CLIP.

Addressing the Farmers' Union, Mr. Mackay, Prime Minister, urged producers to follow Australia's example, and to accept the Imperial Government's offer to take all the wool clip for a full season after the war. He added that, personally, he would beglad if similar arrangements could be made for all produce, since the shipping prospects, though fairly good for the next two months, were uncertain later.

ARGENTINE RAILWAYS.

It is believed that the coming statement by the Buenos Ayres and Pacific Railway will be much more favourable than those of the other important Argentine lines, so it is hoped that the full 5 per cent. will be paid on the Second Preference, which implies also payment of the guaranteed dividend upon Argentine Great Western Ordinary stock. It is argued that if this were done the undivided balance of over £300,000 would be free for distribution on the Ordinary stock of the line if desired. It is also reported that the Board of the Entre Rios Railway will offer to compound 22½ per cent. of arrears upon the First Preference stock of the company by a payment in cash, and by increasing the interest on the stock for the future from 5 per cent. to 6 per cent.

OPIMUM GROWING IN INTERIOR OF CHINA.

In two private letters received from the interior of China mention is made of opium growing as being taken up afresh. One of these, written from Chenyuan on the borders of Hunan and Kweichow, says: "The planting of opium is again in full swing. Special official runners have been exhorting a very willing people to plant poppies. Seed was very dear at first but during the last month it has dropped to one-tenth of the previous price." The other letter is from Taikang Hsien in Honan, in just the opposite direction. It says: "Opium has been very largely sown this season in this and the adjacent provinces. Our Hsienchang is an opium smoker himself. Chenyuan is under the administration of the South, and Taikang under the North, but in this particular matter there is no difference."

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SELLING.

T/T Demand	3/34
30 d/s	3/4 15/16
60 d/s	3/4 3/16
4 m/s	3/4 5/16
T/T Shanghai	Nom.
T/T Singapore	141
T/T Japan	151
T/T India	Nom.
Demand, India	Nom.
T/T San Francisco	78 3/4
co & New York	185
T/T Java	N. m.
T/T Marks	43
T/T France	43 1/2
Demand, Paris	43 1/2

BUYING.

4 m/s. L/C	3/5 1/4
4 m/s. D/P	3/5 1/4
6 m/s. L/C	3/5 1/4
30 d/s Sydney and Melbourne	9/5 1/4
30 d/s San Francisco co & New York	80 1/4
4 m/s. Marks	Nom.
4 m/s. France	447 1/4
6 m/s. France	452 1/4
Demand Germany	79
Demand, New York	79
T/T Bombay	Nom.
T/T Calcutta	Nom.
Demand, Calcutta	150
Demand, Manila	141
Demand, Singapore	234 1/2 prem.
On Haiphong	244 1/2 prem.
On Saigon	46 1/2
On Bangkok	590 Nom.
Sovereign	42.40
Gold leaf per oz	42.40
Bar Silver, per oz	43 7/16

NOTICE.

HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

MAJOR H. A. MORGAN and Officers invite all members of the Hongkong Defence Corps to a Smoking Concert at the Theatre Royal on FRIDAY the 10th January 1919 at 9.0 p.m. when the prizes won at the recent Corps Rifle Meeting will be presented by H. E. The Officer Administering the Government (The Hon. Mr. Claud Severn C.M.G.). Undress uniform. Commence, 31st December, 1918.

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